GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Theft of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of theft of foodgrains from the stationed trains on yards has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the above said period, zone-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of monitoring/security arrangements being made by the Railways for the trains stationed on the yards;

(d) whether there is a proposal to increase the number of people deputed to the monitoring of each yard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to stop the repetition of such illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. The number of incidents have decreased from 41 in 2013 to 38 incidents each in 2014 and 2015.
(c) to (e): The following steps are taken to prevent incidents of theft/pilferage of food grains from trains stabled in yards:-

1. Railway Protection Force personnel are deployed round the clock to prevent theft of goods and railway property at vulnerable railway yards.
2. Constant surveillance is kept in the railway yards and adjacent local areas on the movement of anti social elements.
3. Based on crime intelligence, raids are conducted on the receivers of stolen railway property in co-ordination with local police and the criminals/receivers arrested are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act.
4. Additional RPF staff are deployed in yards as and when required and to conduct drive in Railway premises, including railway yards, to prevent trespass etc, under the Railways Act, 1989.
5. Close coordination is being maintained with Local Police and Government Railway Police to prevent /detect the cases of theft/ pilferage of railway property including food grains from goods trains.

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